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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the species of Group A - Species I - Fig. 13; species of Group B - Species II - Fig. 17A; species of Group C - Species III - Fig. 18A; species of Group D - Species IV - Fig. 19A; species of Group E - Species V - Fig. 20A, species of Group F - Species VI - Fig. 21A; species of Group G - Species VII - Fig. 24A; Group H - Species VIII - Fig. 25; species of Group I - Species IX - Fig. 26A; species of Group J - Species X - Fig. 28; species of Group K - Species XI - Fig. 29A; species of Group L - Species XII - Fig. 30A and species of Group M - Species XIII - Fig. 33A.

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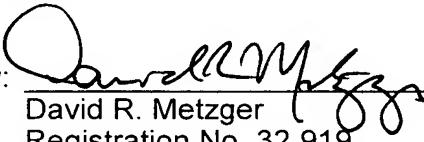
In response, Applicants hereby elect the specie of Group A - Species I - Fig. 13 designating Claims 1-20 as reading on this species. Regarding Examiner's statement that no claims are generic, Applicants submit that Claims 1-20 read on both at least Species I and Species II.

Respectfully submitted,

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